

Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
PCT/NL00/00644
USSN 10/070,994
Attorney Docket Q68639
April 25, 2005

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 and 8 are all the claims pending in the application.

In the last Office Action Claim 7 was rejected under 37 C.F.R. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hiatt (5,284,688) in view of Vinal (3,039,516) and Claims 1-6 and 8 were allowed. Claim 7 has now been canceled without prejudice in order to advance the prosecution of the present application. Since only allowed claims remain in the application it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue with allowed Claims 1-6 and 8.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

SUGHRUE MION, PLLC
Telephone: (202) 293-7060
Facsimile: (202) 293-7860

WASHINGTON OFFICE

23373

CUSTOMER NUMBER

Respectfully submitted,



Brian W. Hannon
Registration No. 32,778

Date: April 25, 2005